

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22823

This bill provides a one-time supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15 million from the General Fund and transfers that money to two funds administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board. Moneys are to be used for projects to ensure water availability for existing uses and to provide water supplies for future economic development. The bill provides for the transfer of \$10.5 million to the Revolving Development Fund and \$4.5 million to the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management and Implementation Fund.

Projects from the Revolving Development Fund include: 1) \$4 million to acquire senior priority Snake River water rights to supply the Mountain Home Air Force Base; 2) \$2 million for environmental approvals and land exchange analysis to further the Galloway Reservoir project; 3) \$1.5 million to complete a feasibility and environmental study regarding enlargement of Arrowrock Reservoir; 4) \$2.5 million to pursue enlargement of Island Park Reservoir; and 5) \$0.5 million to develop computer infrastructure needed for the water supply bank.

Projects from the Secondary Aquifer Management Fund include: 1) \$4 million to develop additional managed recharge capacity needed to reach Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan goals; and 2) \$0.5 million to conduct joint water need studies in coordination with Northern Idaho communities to ensure water availability for future economic development.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides a one-time supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$15 million from the General Fund. The bill transfers those moneys to two continuously appropriated funds administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board.

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